

EVS Volunteering in Denmark – Bernardshus

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- Location: Aarup, Denmark
- Deadline: 14/07/2017
- Activity start: 01/05/2018
- Activity end: 01/04/2019

The Context

Bernardshus is a private institution for 4-7 light mentally handicapped persons, situated near Assens on Funen. The people living here are able to do personal tasks by themselves, and they all work in sheltered workshops, 3 of them here on the farm, the rest in nearby places. Our aim is to make these people able to move in a flat and be able to take care of themselves outside an institution, if it is possible. Otherwise there is also the possibility to live permanently in Bernardshus, for these people. In Bernardshus there are 3 fully qualified staff and a Daily leader, there is a person on duty 24 hours a day

We have a lot of experience with young people helping out in the house, it adds life to the house, which the regular staff can't give. The world opens up and moves into the house with all the benefits that it provides, both to the volunteers and the people in Bernardshus. That are a part of life we are not able to create with the permanent employees. Our target is to intrigue the common life and society in to the house piece by piece, but in a way that our people are able to follow. Now we thought that it is time to invite people with a other culture and speech in to Bernardshus.

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Criteria and how to apply?

The recruitment process is open to all. But we prefer volunteers that are openminded and curious. You need to have a sence of humour, be interested in other people and their way of living. Our volunteers must also have a great ability to listen and to have a feeling for the “situation they are in.

English and German language will be very helpful in this position.

A volunteer with a non-Danish cultural background will hopefully give the farm some extra intercultural energy and inspiration to its work with a global dimension.

In order to apply please fill out the application form attached and send it along with your CV to maria.palmvang@afs.org as soon as possible and before the 14th July 2017. If you have been shortlisted for the project we will contact you for a skype interview before the 21th August 2017.

- *Regards, Maria Palmvang, EVS Coordinator at AFS Interkultur.*